

What is claimed is:

1. A schedule management system provided in a managing party and connected to one or more managed parties via a network, comprising:

a schedule table for storing a schedule created by the managing party;

5 a transfer means for transferring the schedule to a common schedule table provided on the network;

a controller configured to provide each of the managed parties with an inquiry means for inquiring the schedule stored in the common schedule table;

10 wherein, when a modification to the schedule stored in the schedule table is made, the modified schedule is transferred to the common schedule table; and whereby the managed parties can inquire the latest schedule.

2. The schedule management system of claim 1, wherein the controller is further configured to provide each of the managed parties with a modification means;

15 wherein the system further comprises a receiving means for receiving modification data entered via the modification means by the managed parties; and

wherein the controller is further configured to modify the schedule stored in the schedule table with the received modification data.

20 3. The schedule management system of claim 1, wherein the transfer of the schedule to the common schedule table is automatically activated when the modification to the schedule has been completed.

4. The schedule management system of claim 1, wherein the controller is further
25 configured to provide each of the managed parties with a progress input means;

wherein the system further comprises a receiving means for receiving progress data entered via the progress input means by the managed parties;

wherein the controller is further configured to record the received progress data in the schedule stored in the schedule table; and

wherein the transfer means transfers the schedule in which the progress data is recorded to the common schedule table.

5. The schedule management system of claim 4, wherein the transfer of the schedule to the common schedule table is automatically activated when the progress data has been recorded.

6. The schedule management system of claim 1, wherein the common schedule table is provided in a web server provided outside the managing party, the web server being connected to the managed parties through the Internet;

wherein the controller is further configured to provide each of the managed parties with a page for inquiring the schedule stored in the common schedule table through the Internet.

7. The schedule management system of claim 2, wherein the common schedule table is provided in a web server provided outside the managing party, the web server being connected to the managed parties through the Internet;

wherein the modification means includes a page for entering the modification data; and

wherein, in response to a click of a transfer button provided on the page, the modification data entered in the page is transferred to the system.

8. The schedule management system of claim 4, wherein the common schedule table is provided in a web server provided outside the managing party, the web server being connected to the managed parties through the Internet;

wherein the progress input means includes a page for entering the progress data; and

wherein, in response to a click of a transfer button provided on the page, the progress data entered in the page is transferred to the system.

9. The schedule management system of claim 4, wherein the controller is further configured to display the progress data in a hierarchical format.

5 10. The schedule management system of claim 5, wherein the controller is further configured to compare the progress data with the schedule, to assign a mark to the progress data in accordance with the comparison result, and to display the progress by the mark.

10 11. The schedule management system of claim 9, wherein the controller is further configured to provide a page for viewing or editing a schedule in response to a selection of the schedule on the screen where the progress of the schedule is displayed.

15 12. A method for managing a schedule among a managing party and one or more managed parties, the method comprising:
creating and storing a schedule in a schedule table at a managing party;
transferring the schedule to a common schedule table stored outside the managing party;
20 enabling each of one or more managed parties to access the schedule stored in the common schedule table; and
responsive to a modification to the schedule stored in the schedule table, transferring the modified schedule to the common schedule table to permit the number of managed parties to inquire the latest schedule.

25 13. The method of claim 12 in which each of the managed parties may submit schedule modification data;
at the managing party, receiving modification data submitted by one or more of the managed parties; and

modifying the schedule stored in the schedule table with the received modification data.

14. The method of claim 12, wherein the transfer to the common schedule table is automatically activated in response to completion of the modification of the schedule.

15. The method of claim 12, wherein each of the managed parties may submit progress data;

10 at the managing party, receiving progress data submitted by one or more of the managed parties;

recording the received progress data in the schedule stored in the schedule table; and

transferring the schedule in which the progress data is recorded to the common schedule table.

16. The schedule management system of claim 15, wherein the transfer to the common schedule table is automatically activated in response to recordation of the progress data has been recorded in the schedule.

17. The method of claim 12, wherein the managed parties connect to the common schedule table through the Internet.

18. The method of claim 15, further comprising displaying progress representative of the progress data in a hierarchical format.

19. The method of claim 15, further comprising comparing the progress data with the schedule;

assigning a mark to the progress data in accordance with the comparison result; and
displaying the progress by the mark.

5 20. The method of claim 18, further comprising providing a page for viewing or editing a schedule in response to a selection on the display of progress.

21. The method according to claim 19 comprising providing a page for viewing or editing a schedule in response to a selection of the schedule on the display of
10 progress.

22. A schedule management system including a managing party and one or more managed parties connected via a network, the system comprising:

15 a schedule table for storing a schedule created by the managing party;
a transfer module connected for transferring the schedule to a common schedule table stored on the network and, responsive to a modification to the schedule stored in the schedule table, for transferring the modified schedule to the common schedule table; and

20 a controller configured to enable each of the managed parties to inquire of the schedule stored in the common schedule table for enabling the managed parties to inquire the latest schedule stored in the common schedule table.

23. The schedule management system of claim 22, wherein the controller is further configured to enable each of the managed parties to submit progress data, and
25 comprising:

a receiving module in communication with the managed parties for receiving progress data submitted by the managed parties;

wherein the controller is further configured to record the received progress data in the schedule stored in the schedule table; and

wherein the transfer module transfers the schedule in which the progress data is recorded to the common schedule table.

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24. The schedule management system of claim 23, wherein the transfer of the schedule to the common schedule table is automatically activated in response to the progress data being recorded.

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25. The schedule management system of claim 24, wherein the controller is further configured to compare the progress data with the schedule, to assign a mark to the progress data in accordance with the comparison result, and to display the progress by the mark.

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26. The schedule management system of claim 25, wherein the controller is further configured to provide a page for viewing or editing a schedule in response to a selection of the schedule on the display of the progress.

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